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SUBJECT: NEW ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN: RADU ION BOGDAN

1. MAY 28 RCP DAILY "SCINTEIA" ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF RADU ION BOGDAN AS AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, REPLACING NICOLAE FINANTU, WHO HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR SINCE 1973. SINCE FINANTU WAS ALSO ACCREDITED TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, WE PRESUME THAT BOGDAN ALSO WILL BE ALTHOUGH NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT HAS YET BEEN MADE. BOGDAN'S MOST RECENT POSITION WAS DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION IN CHARGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION. HE ASSUMED THIS POSITION IN 1974 BUT WAS REMOVED FROM IT SUDDENLY LAST YEAR, AS WE WERE TOLD, FOR REASONS OF HEALTH. IT WAS RUMORED, HOWEVER, THAT HE AND THE PRESENT MINISTER OF EDUCATION DID NOT GET ALONG AND ALSO THAT PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU WAS DISSATISFIED WITH BOGDAN'S ROLE IN IMPLEMENTING A NEW EDUCATIONAL POLICY WHICH LAID HEAVY STRESS ON "PRACTICAL" TRAINING. BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, HE WAS A SCIENTIFIC RESEARCHER (BACKGROUND IN MECHANICAL ENGINEER-ING). BOGDAN HAS ALSO BEEN A MEMBER OF THE RCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE SINCE NOVEMBER 1974 (EARLIEST KNOWN DATE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFFILIATION).

2. BOGDAN VISITED SEVERAL U.S. CITIES AND UNIVERSITIES INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY AS AN EXCHANGE GRANTEE IN 1968 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND THE ROMANIAN ACADEMY. HE HAS SEVERAL AMERICAN PROFESSOR FRIENDS AT MIT.

- 3. BOGDAN WAS BORN. 18, 1923 IN BACAU, ROMANIA BUT HAS SPENT THE LAST 33 YEARS IN BUCHAREST. HE HAS BEEN EXTREMELY FRIENDLY TO US AND WAS WELL-REGARDED BY EMBOFFS WHO DEALT WITH HIM. HIS ENGLISH IS ADEQUATE.
- 4. SINCE EMBASSY'S INFORMATION ON BOGDAN IS SOMEWHAT SKETCHY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT ABREAST OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.
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